

## Arenac Heritage Route Authority

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Re: Biennial Audits

To Whom It May Concern:

The Arenac Heritage Route Authority (AHRA) is an inter-local governmental authority comprised of 11 governmental units in Arenac County, Michigan. The purpose of the Authority is as follows:


- 1) To own, lease, construct, improve, maintain, finance and operate real estate and buildings.
- 2) To hire employees to staff, maintain and operate the building and its facilities.
- 3) The authority to own and operate equipment and personal property necessary to provide operate and maintain a building and its facilities.

The AHRA currently owns and operates the Standish Historical Depot and Welcome Center. The AHRA operates solely through donations from the 11 units of government, on a per capita basis, and by donations and fund raisers from the public.

The AHRA's annual budget is between \$36,000 and \$37,000. It is very difficult spending about 10% (\$3,000.) of our annual donated funds for a certified audit. We have to have fund raisers just to pay this bill. Approximately \$1,500 could be saved annually and used for other worthwhile enhancement projects if the audits were to be done every other year instead of every year.

We, the AHRA, totally endorse the change to biennial audits if the total annual revenue is \$50,000. or less.

Sincerely,



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